Finalisation of National Livestock Policy

626. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Livestock Policy has been finalised;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, when it will be finalised and announced and what are the causes of delay; and

(d) the projected beneficial effects of this policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Situation analysis reports are being studied and an approach paper is expected to be ready by early 1996.

(d) The policy would help in evolving strategies for systematic and sustainable development of the sector.

UNICEF Report on Prostitution in India

627. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether about 5 lakhs young girls below the age of 18 are involved in prostitution in India as per UNICEF Report, 1995; and

(b) the measures taken for their upliftment and steps taken to educate their children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (SMT. BASAVA RAJESWARI): (a) As per the UNICEF Reoprt 'Progress of Nations—1995' the estimate of the number of children under 18 years involved in prostitution in India is 3 to 4 lakhs. However, this is only an estimation and there are no reliable statistics available about the number of child prostitutes in India.

(b) The Government of India has set up a Central Advisory Committee to frame recommendations/plan of action for both legal and non-legal apporaches for the rescue and rehabilitation of child prostitutes. The recommendation of the Committee have been sent to the concerned Central Ministries/Departments and to the State Governments for taking appropriate action. Many of the State Governments have set up State Advisory Committee within their jurisdiction for suggesting measures for the care, protection, treatment and rehabilitation of the young victims rescued from brothal houses.

The Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 supplemented by the Indian Penal Code prohibits trafficking in human beings including children. Higher Penalities punishments have been prescribed in cases relating to the prostitution of a child or a minor, under the Act.

The Juvenile Justice Act, 1986 provides for the care, protection, treatment and rehabilitation of neglected or deligquent juveniles including girls.

The enforcement of the Acts is the responsibility of the State Governments. The Central Government have issued instructions from time to time to all States/Union Territories for strict implementation of the Act. Meetings with DGPs of all the States have been held in this regard. Notifications appointing special Police Officers and constituting local non-official advisory bodies under Section 13 of the ITPA Act, 1956 have been issued by some States. The Central Government has been requesting the States/Union Territories from time to time to issue such notifications wherever they have not done so.